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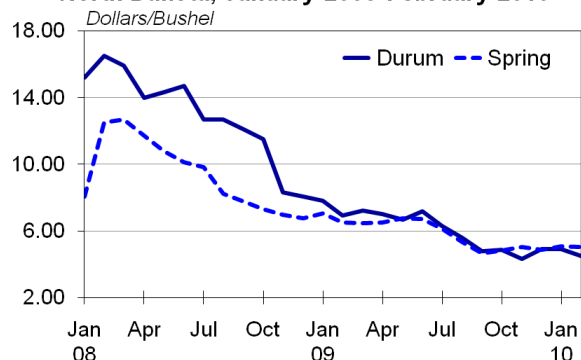
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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

**N**orth Dakota  
The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in February is 146 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This

is down 12 percent from last year and 32 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 153 percent of the base, is down 17 percent from February 2009 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 121 percent, is up 6 percent from last year. February indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

**Durum & Spring Wheat: Prices Received**  
**North Dakota, January 2008-February 2010**



**Prices Received by Farmers**  
**North Dakota and United States, February 2010**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price February 2010
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Wheat, All	Bu	6.49	4.97	4.90	5.79	4.92	4.67	14.70
Durum	Bu	6.92	4.92	4.50	7.53	4.95	4.51	NA
Spring	Bu	6.50	5.07	5.05	6.61	5.29	5.14	NA
Winter	Bu	5.02	4.20	3.75	5.26	4.68	4.36	NA
Corn	Bu	3.55	3.05	3.00	3.87	3.66	3.45	9.15
Oats	Bu	1.79	1.82	<sup>1</sup>	2.69	2.18	2.13	6.00
Barley, All	Bu	5.37	4.17	3.60	4.99	4.73	4.25	10.20
Feed	Bu	3.12	2.59	2.20	2.63	2.64	2.49	NA
Malting	Bu	5.64	4.25	3.75	5.54	4.91	4.45	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	22.70	17.30	15.20	22.60	15.70	14.90	45.50
Oil	Cwt	20.70	15.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	33.80	22.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	Ton	86.00	63.00	65.00	131.00	109.00	107.00	NA
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup>	Ton	90.00	68.00	68.00	141.00	113.00	111.00	NA
Other <sup>2</sup>	Ton	66.00	48.00	48.00	108.00	99.60	97.10	NA
Canola	Cwt	15.60	16.00	15.70	15.60	16.00	15.70	40.10
Flaxseed	Bu	9.98	8.42	8.70	9.98	8.42	8.70	23.90
Soybeans	Bu	9.18	9.27	8.90	9.54	9.79	9.40	22.50
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	26.20	28.30	27.60	30.10	30.70	33.80	70.80
Navy	Cwt	22.90	29.20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	26.40	27.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	9.10	9.05	9.05	8.87	7.17	6.99	20.50
Fresh <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	13.90	8.65	NA	12.36	5.74	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	7.20	9.15	NA	6.84	8.42	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	85.00	88.40	91.40	78.90	82.10	84.40	251.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	91.00	95.00	96.00	83.80	87.50	89.40	NA
Cows	Cwt	45.00	48.00	50.00	43.60	47.90	50.50	NA
Calves	Cwt	103.00	111.00	112.00	104.00	109.00	111.00	354.00
Sheep	Cwt	26.00	39.00	NA	31.40	52.40	NA	107.00
Lambs	Cwt	102.00	101.00	NA	100.00	102.00	NA	283.00
Hogs	Cwt	44.00	47.30	NA	43.80	48.40	48.10	136.00

<sup>1</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. <sup>2</sup> Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only. <sup>3</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

### United States

The February All Farm Products Index is 133 percent of its 1990-92 base, down 4 percent from the January index but 6 percent above the February 2009 index. The All Crops Index is 145, down 5 percent from January and 1 percent below February 2009. The Livestock and Products Index, at 122, is unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from February 2009.



### Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, February 2010

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota		United States			
	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
<b>Prices Received</b>	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	165	153	146	126	139	133
Crops	184	164	153	146	152	145
Food Grains	207	163	156	205	174	171
Feed Grains & Hay	189	159	144	169	158	149
Oil Bearing Crops <sup>1</sup>	179	175	163	172	174	167
Potatoes & Dry Beans <sup>2</sup>	148	150	141	153	131	129
Livestock and Products	114	117	121	109	122	122
Meat Animals	110	114	118	105	110	112
Dairy Products	159	148	159	89	123	122
Other Livestock Products <sup>3</sup>	137	134	134	141	150	144
<b>Prices Paid</b>	NA	NA	NA	179	184	185
<b>Ratio <sup>4</sup></b>	NA	NA	NA	70	76	72

<sup>1</sup> Includes non-oil sunflower. <sup>2</sup> North Dakota includes lentils, dry peas and sugarbeets. <sup>3</sup> United States excludes wool. <sup>4</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

## NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE

### North Dakota

Farmers and ranchers in the state maintained North Dakota's #1 ranking in the production of spring and durum wheat, barley, canola, sunflowers, flaxseed, dry edible beans, dry edible peas, and lentils in 2009 compared with other states. North Dakota also ranked first in all wheat production, a position which Kansas held in 2008. North Dakota was also the leading producer of honey in the U.S.

Durum wheat production in North Dakota accounted for 56 percent of the U.S. total, up from 50 percent in 2008 and spring wheat production accounted for 50 percent, up from 45 percent the previous year. All wheat production in North Dakota was 17 percent of the U.S. total, up from 12 percent in 2008. Flaxseed production accounted for 95 percent of the U.S. total, down from 96 percent in 2008. Canola, dry edible peas, sunflower, lentils, barley and dry edible bean production accounted for 90, 67, 43, 44, 35, and 34 percent of the U.S. total, respectively.

North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production in 2009 for the sixth consecutive year. North Dakota bee colonies produced 24 percent of the U.S. production, up from 22 percent in 2008. North Dakota's share of oat production increased in 2009, moving its rank from number four to number three, behind Wisconsin and Minnesota. North Dakota's rank in sugarbeet production moved down one spot to third place, behind Minnesota and Idaho. North Dakota's share of U.S. potato production decreased from number five in 2008 to number seven in 2009.

### North Dakota's Top Agricultural Commodities, 2009

2009 Rank in the U.S.	Commodity	Percent of Nation's Production
#1	Barley	35%
	Beans, Dry Edible, All	34%
	Beans, Navy	38%
	Beans, Pinto	56%
	Canola	90%
	Flaxseed	95%
	Honey	24%
	Lentils	44%
	Peas, Dry Edible	67%
	Sunflower, All	43%
	Sunflower, Non-Oil	36%
	Sunflower, Oil	45%
#3	Wheat, All	17%
	Wheat, Durum	56%
#7	Wheat, Spring	50%
	Oats	12%
#11	Sugarbeets	16%
	Potatoes	4%
#13	Hay, All	4%
	Hay, Alfalfa	5%
#13	Soybeans	3%
	Corn for Grain	2%
	Hay, Other	3%

# NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE (Continued)

## The 10 Leading States and North Dakota's Rank

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	North Dakota's Rank	Percent of Nation <sup>1</sup>
<b>Crop Production – 2009</b>												
Wheat, All	ND	KS	MT	SD	WA	CO	ID	MN	OK	NE	1	17
Durum	ND	CA	MT	AZ	ID	SD					1	56
Spring	ND	MN	MT	SD	ID	WA	OR	CO	UT	NV	1	50
Winter	KS	CO	WA	MT	OK	NE	OH	SD	TX	ID	17	2
Barley	ND	ID	MT	CO	WY	WA	AZ	MN	PA	MD	1	35
Oats	WI	MN	ND	SD	IA	PA	NY	MI	OH	CA	3	12
Sunflower, All	ND	SD	KS	TX	CO	MN	NE	CA	OK		1	43
Oil	ND	SD	KS	CO	MN	TX	CA	NE	OK		1	45
Non-oil	ND	SD	TX	CO	NE	MN	KS	CA	OK		1	36
Canola	ND	OK	ID	MN	OR	MT					1	90
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	SD	KS	AR	11	3
Flaxseed	ND	SD	MT	MN							1	95
Corn, Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	13	2
Silage	WI	CA	NY	PA	MN	ID	IA	SD	NE	KS	17	2
Dry Edible Beans, All	ND	MI	MN	NE	ID	CA	WA	CO	WY	TX	1	34
Navy	ND	MI	MN	SD	ID	WY					1	38
Pinto	ND	NE	ID	CO	WY	NM	MN	WA	MT	KS	1	56
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT	WA	ID	OR						1	67
Lentils	ND	MT	WA	ID							1	44
Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	CO	OR	MN	ND	MI	ME	CA	7	4
Sugarbeets	MN	ID	ND	MI	NE	MT	CA	CO	WY	OR	3	16
Hay, All	CA	TX	MO	SD	KS	KY	NE	ID	OK	MN	11	4
Alfalfa	CA	SD	ID	MN	WI	KS	NE	MT	CO	IA	11	5
Other	TX	MO	KY	OK	TN	KS	AR	NE	VA	PA	13	3
Total Acreage												
Principal Crops Planted	IA	IL	KS	TX	ND	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	5	7
Principal Crops Harvested	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	NE	SD	TX	MO	IN	4	7
Grain Storage, December 1:												
On-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	MN	NE	IN	ND	SD	MO	OH	KS	6	6
Off-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	KS	NE	TX	MN	IN	OH	ND	WI	9	3
<b>Livestock on Hand – January 1, 2010</b>												
All Cattle & Calves	TX	NE	KS	OK	CA	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO	18	2
Cattle & Calves on Feed	TX	NE	KS	IA	CO	CA	SD	OK	MN	AZ	18	1
Cows That Have Calved	TX	CA	OK	MO	NE	SD	KS	WI	MT	KY	16	2
Milk	CA	WI	NY	ID	PA	MN	TX	MI	NM	OH	34	*
Beef	TX	OK	MO	NE	SD	MT	KS	KY	TN	FL	13	3
All Sheep & Lambs	TX	CA	CO	WY	SD	UT	MT	OR	ID	IA	19	2
All Hogs & Pigs - Dec 1, 2009	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	OH	KS	27	*
<b>Livestock Production – 2009</b>												
Calf Crop	TX	CA	MO/OK		NE	SD	MT	KS	WI	IA/KY	15	2
Lamb Crop	TX	SD	WY	CA	MT	UT	ID	CO	IA	OR	12	2
Pig Crop	NC	IA	MN	IL	NE	MO	OK	IN	SD	OH	19	1
Wool Production	TX	WY	CA	UT	SD	CO	MT	ID	IA	OR	14	2
Honey Production	ND	SD	CA	MT	FL	MN	ID	TX	MI	LA	1	24

\* Less than one-half of one percent. <sup>1</sup> North Dakota's percent of Nation's total.

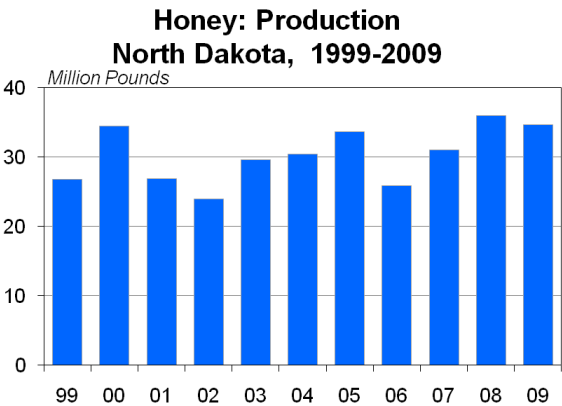
HONEY PRODUCTION

**North Dakota**  
Honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 34.7 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2008. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the sixth consecutive year.

There were 450,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2009, up 13 percent from 2008. Yield per colony was 77 pounds per colony, down from 90 pounds per colony in 2008. Producer stocks were 7.62 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down from 8.64 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2009 crop averaged 137 cents per pound, up from 136 cents in 2008. This is the second highest price on record, 9 cents lower than the 2002 price. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2009 was 47.5 million dollars, down 3 percent from 2008.

**United States**  
Honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up 5 percent from 2008. Yield per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008, and is the lowest yield since 1989. Producer honey stocks were 37.2 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down 27 percent from a year earlier. Honey prices increased to a record high during 2009 to 144.5 cents, up 2 percent from 142.1 cents in 2008.



**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States, 2008-2009**

State	Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks on Hand Dec. 15 <sup>1</sup>		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
North Dakota	400	450	90	77	36,000	34,650	8,640	7,623	136	137	48,960	47,471
California	360	355	51	33	18,360	11,715	4,039	2,109	139	139	25,520	16,284
Florida	150	150	79	68	11,850	10,200	1,304	1,428	132	138	15,642	14,076
Minnesota	122	122	78	65	9,516	7,930	2,569	1,427	139	140	13,227	11,102
Montana	134	146	70	70	9,380	10,220	4,596	3,577	137	145	12,851	14,819
South Dakota	225	270	95	66	21,375	17,820	11,970	6,237	134	139	28,643	24,770
United States	2,342	2,462	69.9	58.5	163,789	144,108	51,159	37,153	142.1	144.5	232,744	208,236

<sup>1</sup> Held by producers.